

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This preliminary amendment is filed with a RCE and in response to an Office Action mailed August 27, 2003. Prior to the filing of the application, on December 17, 2003, the undersigned attorney conducted a telephone conference with the Examiner. During the discussion, Applicant indicated that the RCE would be filed along with the preliminary amendment.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the allowability of the pending claims. Claims 1-38 are cancelled and new claims 39-58 have been added. If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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